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1. ALL MEDIA GAVE PROMINENT NEWS COVERAGE ABDUCTION AMB FLBRICK, GOB DECISION RELEASE 15 POLITICAL PRISONERS AND AMBASSADOR'S SUBSEQUENT SAFE RETURN. ONLY EDITORIAL REACTION SO FAR WAS NACION'S SEPT. 8 EDITORIAL ENTITLED "KIDNAPPING AMBASSADORS", WHICH HOWEVER MADE NO SPECIFIC MENTION FLBRICK CASE. ITS THUGHT WAS TO CONTRAST POLICIES OF ORTHODOX LA COMMUNIST PARTIES WHICH SEEKING LEGALITY WITH THOSE MORE RADICAL SPLITTER GROUPS PURPORTING TERRORIST TACTICS. EDITORIAL SPECULATED WHETHER LEGALIZATION COMMUNIST PARTIES MIGHT PROVIDE SCREEN FOR TERRORIST ACTIVITIES BY RADICALS AND WARNED INCREASED WAVE OF EXTREMISM AND KIDNAPPINGS WOULD REPRESENT SINISTER TURN WITH UNFORESEABLE CONSEQUENCES. STATED ONLY WAY "POLITICALLY DISARM" TERRORISTS WAS TO IMPLEMENT SOCIAL REFORMS WHICH STRENGTHEN DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS.

2. FLBRICK CASE HIGHLIGHTED HERE BY SIMILAR INCIDENT IN WHICH GOCP AMBASSADOR MANAGUA RECEIVED ANONYMOUS CALLS THREATENING HIM AND HIS FAMILY UNLESS RECENTLY CAPTURED FSLN LEADER CARLOS FONSECA AMADOR RELEASED (SAN JOSE 2249). THIS STORY GIVEN EQUALLY PROMINENT PLAY BY MEDIA AND PRESIDENT TREJOS ANNOUNCED THROUGH FONMIN LARA THAT GOCP WILL NOT BE INTIMIDATED AND WILL MAINTAIN AMBASSADOR IN MANAGUA. REPORTS FANATING MANAGUA INDICATE GOCP AMBASSADOR AND RESIDENCE HEAVILY GUARDED.

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GOCP TAKING SECURITY PRECAUTIONS AROUND NICARAGUAN CHANCELLERY AND RESIDENCE AND THREATS CONSIDERED SUFFICIENTLY SERIOUS TO WARRANT WITHDRAWAL CHILDREN OF NICARAGUAN AMBASSADOR FROM SCHOOL.

4. KEY SECTOR UNDERSTANDABLY CONCERNED WITH FLBRICK CASE IS DIPLOMATIC CORPS. THIS WAS MAIN TOPIC CONVERSATION AT BRAZILIAN INDEPENDENCE RECEPTION WHERE NUMBER OF AMBASSADORS EXPRESSED DISTRESS OVER INCIDENT. AT DIPLOMATIC CORPS MEETING FEW DAYS PRIOR FLBRICK KIDNAPPING IT WAS AGREED SMALL COMMITTEE OF AMBASSADORS WOULD APPROACH FONMIN LARA TO REQUEST GOCP PROVIDE POLICE PROTECTION AT RESIDENCES ALL CHIEFS OF MISSION. WHILE THIS MOVE

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SPURRED MORE BY RECENT BORBERIES THAN FEAR POSSIBLE POLITICALLY-MOTIVATED VIOLENCE, ELBRICK CASE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY INCREASE AMBASSADORS' CONCERN.

5. AT SAME RECEPTION BRAZILIAN DIPLOMAT COMMENTED ON IRONY THAT KIDNAPPING AMBASSADOR OF US, WHICH HAS BEEN URGING LIBERALIZATION OF REGIME, MAY NOW LEAD TO MORE REPRESSIVE GOV MEASURES.

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